

# Friendship

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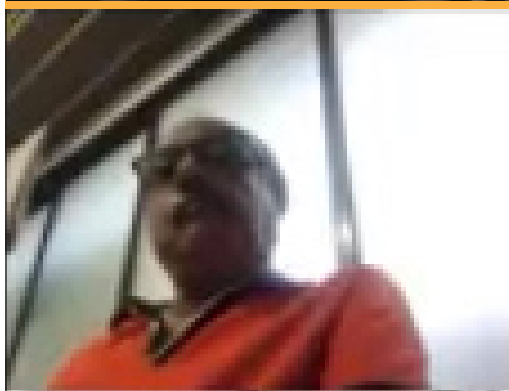
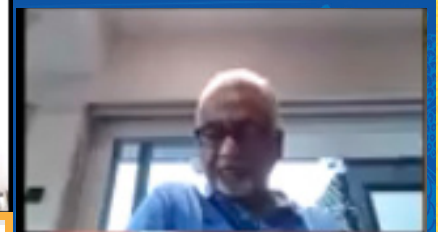
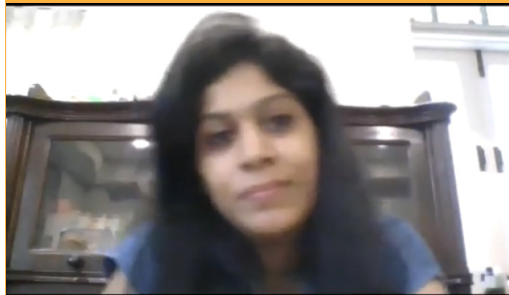
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**Today's**  
SPEAKER

**In-house Meeting**  
Subject: **Miracles in life**



## WHY ESTATE PLANNING IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR - A SUMMATION

On 12th September our guest speaker Neha Pathak a corporate Lawyer by profession gave us an absorbing presentation on Estate Planning complete with an invigorating Q/A session which supervised the presentation. In short, she felt most people needed to have their estate inheritance plan well in place at the earliest to avoid complications at a later date. Quoting from past cases in point she underlined the ways and means to do it as well.

# PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE - SEPTEMBER 2020



**Holger Knaack**  
*President 2020-21*

Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

*My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said:*

*“Why don’t you visit a Rotaract club? You’ll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference.”*

*A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I’m still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don’t want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master’s degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.*

*I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.*

*Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.*

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It’s up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.

**Answers for Quiz:** 1. Poland 2. Two 3. Liver 4. Spiders 5. A murder 6. Lower jawbone 7. Thyroid gland  
8. 186,000 miles per second 9. Titan 10. The Microwave cooker



## CLUB EVENTS

**September 26, 2020 RCM**  
**Speaker : Mr. Vijay Jain**  
**Topic: Vaastu Shastra and beyond**

## DISTRICT EVENTS

District will organise the following online programmes :  
25<sup>th</sup> September at 6 p.m.  
27<sup>th</sup> September at 4 p.m.

*Details to be provided soon.*

### • Who we are

More than a century ago, Rotary pioneered a new model of service leadership grounded in person-to-person connections. Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe — bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers — and that shares the vision of a better world.

Rotary has adopted a new Action Plan for the next five years: to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. Our plan will provide us with a continuity of vision from year to year, keeping us moving toward our shared purpose.

The Rotary Foundation plays a critical role in fulfilling this purpose. In 2018-19, the Foundation raised over \$395 million, surpassing our \$380 million goal. We made great progress toward building our Foundation's Endowment to \$2.025 billion by 2025.

### • Changing the future for the world's children

Together, we are leading the fight to end polio through our fundraising efforts, our awareness campaigns, and our work as a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

New approaches are helping to reach more children. In Nigeria's Lake Chad region, health workers are using new technologies to increase the accuracy of regional vaccination plans. They're also deploying speedboats to deliver vaccines to remote islands, reducing travel times from days to hours.

### • The next generation of leaders

Rotary is helping new generations of leaders tap into their full potential through education, personal and professional connections, and service and learning opportunities.

### Un-BEE-lievable

Bee populations are declining globally for reasons including climate change, urban development, and pesticides. Recognizing that bees are crucial to a healthy ecosystem, Rotaractors throughout Germany launched the Bealive project to offer their support.

### • Serving our communities

In 2019, The Rotary Foundation introduced a new disaster response fund and grant type to supplement Rotary's disaster response strategy. **Disaster response grants** support relief and recovery efforts in areas that have been affected by natural disasters. These grants are funded by contributions to the Rotary Disaster Response Fund

### • Building peace

The Rotary Foundation partners with the following universities to offer fellowships leading to degrees or certificates in areas of study related to peace and conflict prevention and resolution:

- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (certificate)
- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- University of Bradford, Bradford, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

### • Reasons for giving

The generous contributions from our donors makes it possible to support projects that bring sustainable improvement to communities in need.

#### Ravi and Paola Dakoju

India

Arch Klumph Society Foundation Circle

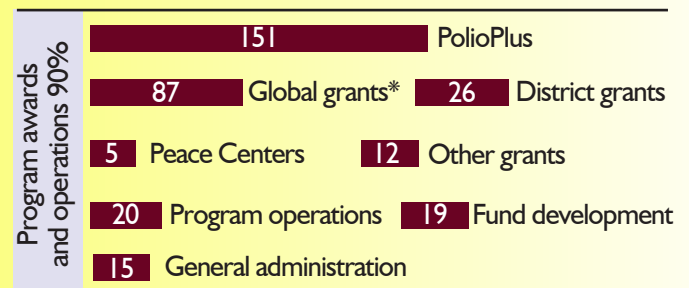
Contributing to The Rotary Foundation has been one of the biggest turning points in our lives. We believe that what you don't need for yourself belongs to society. The contribution we made is something that rightfully belongs to society. We are delighted to be a part of Rotary and know that our contribution will create positive change in the lives of millions for years to come.

### • Our finances

As a global organization that operates in nearly every country, Rotary takes stewardship of its funds seriously.

The Rotary Foundation

Expenditures: \$335 million USD



\* Net of returned funds and other adjustments

### Supporting Rotarians

Our members pay \$64 in membership dues to Rotary International. These funds are used to support our members, clubs, and districts.

### • Arch Klumph Society

**Foundation Circle** (Contributions of \$1,000,000-\$2,499,999)

**Chair's Circle** (Contributions of \$500,000-\$999,999)

**Trustees Circle** (Contributions of \$250,000-\$499,999)

**Arch Klumph Society Family Circle Members**

### • Building partners

Rotary works with a variety of partners around the world to transform communities, amplify our impact, advance important causes, and make global connections.

## Minutes of 2416<sup>th</sup> e- RCM of Rotary Club of Belur held on 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 5 p.m.

The 2416 e-Regular Club Meeting was called to order by Vice President Rtn Ajay Khanna who was officiating for President Alope as he was pre-occupied with a family engagement. He then went on to congratulate the President on his absence for a good reason for he had just become a grandfather. Moving ahead Rtn Ajay asked the members to rise for the national anthem.

More than 35 members and spouses attended the Virtual RCM.

He then requested Rtn Manju Banthia to offer Invocation to God which she did along with her daughter. Rtn Ajay passed the proceedings to Secretary Amar to conduct club business and the same was accomplished soon.

He now requested Rtn Anil Jhawar to introduce the speaker for the evening and Ms. Neha Pathak.

She took over the meeting and gave a wonderful presentation on whys and how's of estate planning. She explained the difference between a trust and a will and the reason as to why we need a trust so that our inheritance takes place without any glitches. Neha Patak also explained how we should transfer our estate and also that any will is subject to be challenged by interested persons. In the question answer session that followed, PP Ajay Agarwal with his knowledge on the subject, placed some meaningful practical questions and all benefitted from it. Rtn Tarun Kanti Paul summed up the presentation in a suitable manner and thanked the guest speaker. With no other business pending, Vice President Ajay Khanna terminated the meeting.

**Rtn Ajay Khanna, Vice-President**

**Rtn Amar Malhotra, Secretary**

### Covid 19 Pandemic Response Rotary Global Grant #2012660 Singapore 2020 Rotary Club of Belur contributed USD 2000 towards the Project with \$500 by PP H K Prasad and 1500 USD by PP Ramesh Tiwari forming the amount

RC Belur - RID 3291

PDG Ravi Sehgal and IPP Rakesh Bhatia handed over infrared thermometers to the Little Sisters of The Poor, an old age home in Kolkata, where 120 elders are accommodated. The club got masks from DG Ajay Agarwal and gave it to the Shakespeare Police Station.



Source: Rotary News September issue

THE HARD  
BIRTHDAY CAKE

Why was the  
birthday cake as  
hard as a rock?

Because it was  
marble cake!



**MY favourite  
exercise  
is SMILING!**

AT THE BAR:

What's the Wi-Fi password?

Bartender: You need to buy a  
drink first. Me: OK, I'll have a  
Coke. Bartender: Three dollars. Me:  
There you go. So what's the Wi-Fi  
password? Bartender: "You need to  
buy a drink first." No spaces, all  
lowercase.



## Do you love to put your general knowledge to the test?

Presenting a quick-fire Quiz as a challenge and would expect members to try and answer as many as possible before turning to the page for correct answers - Editor

**Questions** 1. In which modern-day country was the physicist and chemist Marie Curie born? 2. How many wings does a mosquito have? 3. Which is the largest internal organ in the human body? 4. Arachnophobia is the fear of what? 5. What is the collective name for a group of crows? 6. What part of a human body is the Mandible? 7. The rate at which the body produces energy from nutrients is controlled by which gland in the neck? 8. At what speed does light travel? 9. What is the largest moon of Saturn called? 10. Percy Spencer invented which item saving kitchen appliance?